



# State of New Mexico

*Office of the Governor*

Bill Richardson  
*Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-023  
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
REGARDING THE BOSQUE FIRES IN BERNALILLO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, earlier today, June 24, 2003, major fires have erupted in the City of Albuquerque and within Bernalillo County which threaten the Bosque along the Rio Grande and surrounding populated areas; and


**WHEREAS**, extraordinary measures are required to meet the needs of public safety, health and well-being of citizens and emergency response personnel, and those needs are expected to continue for an as-yet undetermined period; and

**WHEREAS**, the governments of the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo Counties have identified a state of emergency in their respective jurisdictions and require the assistance from the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the State's Emergency Operations Center has been activated;


**NOW THEREFORE** I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of New Mexico, do hereby declare a STATE OF EMERGENCY in Bernalillo County. I direct the Office of Emergency Management to coordinate the needed resources under the authority of and as determined by the Governor or his Authorized Representative, pursuant to and in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 6-7-1 through 6-7-3, as amended, and to request any Federal aid that may be available. I further direct the Adjutant General to order into service any elements of the New Mexico National Guard as are or may be needed to provide support, pursuant to and in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 20-4-3A and 20-1-6, as amended. Such emergency assistance will be provided during the incident period at the discretion of the Governor or his Authorized Representative.

ATTEST:

  
REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2003

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

  
BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR

